

Councilwoman Bonner and Town Board Vote to Designate Noah Hallock Homestead as Historic Landmark

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Board also adopts resolution to support Rocky Point Historical Society's grant application to acquire and restore the nearly 300 year-old house

Farmingville, NY - During a public hearing on August 6, the Town Board voted unanimously to designate the Noah Hallock Homestead in Rocky Point as a Historic Landmark. The house, which was built in 1721, was recently purchased by the Rocky Point Historical Society who plan to restore it for use as a community museum.

During the Town Board meeting, a resolution sponsored by Councilwoman Jane Bonner was also unanimously adopted in support of a grant application submitted to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) by the Rocky Point Historical Society. The grant must be used to improve, protect, preserve, rehabilitate, restore and acquire properties listed on the National Registers of Historic Places.

"The Historic Designation paves the way for the Rocky Point Historical Society to start moving forward with their restoration plans," said Councilwoman Bonner. "A stipulation of the grant application was to have an endorsement by the Town and I was happy to sponsor the resolution. I will do whatever I can to help the Rocky Point Historical Society restore this very important piece of our North Shore heritage."

Noah Hallock and his wife Berthia are believed to be the first Europeans to settle in Rocky Point. They built the homestead around 1721 on the plot of land currently bounded by Hallock Landing Road, Culross Drive, and Hallock Lane. It is the oldest house still standing in Rocky Point. The Hallocks were prominent Rocky Point residents up through the mid 1900s. The only extant cemetery in Rocky Point is the Noah Hallock Cemetery, with about 40 Hallocks buried there from 1766 to 1920. Josiah and Noah Hallock were patriots in the Revolutionary War.

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